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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico - 14 Killed in Shooting Attacks in Mexican Border City

(U) Juarez - At least 14 people were killed yesterday in three shooting incidents in the northern Mexican city of Juarez, notorious for its drug gang related violence. One of the attacks occurred in the southern part of the city, killing six and injuring two. Another occurred almost simultaneously in a different neighborhood, killing five men. Three other people were taken from a party in a neighborhood on the outskirts of the city and executed by gunmen. The killings bring the total number of people killed in Juarez in June to 128.

SOURCE: 24 June 2018, <u>Business Standard</u>

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Alabama - Man Sentenced to Prison Following Attempted Terrorist Plot

(U) Huntsville - Aziz Ihab Sayyed, 23, who in March pleaded guilty to acquiring bomb-making materials and planning an ISIS-inspired attack on a local police station, was sentenced on 20 June to 15 years in prison. Sayyed admitted to conspiring to bomb police stations and attempting to assemble a terrorist cell to carry out the attacks, according to the plea agreement. Sayyed reportedly met with a undercover FBI agent on how to make triacetone triperoxide (TATP) and aid ISIS.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, Homeland Preparedness News

(U) Arizona - Man Faces Terror Charge Following Bridge Blockade

(U) Kingman - Matthew Phillip Wright, 30, who stopped his homemade armored car on the Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge near Hoover Dam on 15 June has been indicted on terrorism and other felony charges. Wright, who media reported as a US Marine Corps veteran, was arrested following the incident and a search of his vehicle uncovered an AR-15 assault-style rifle, a handgun, ammunition, an unknown "suspicious device," and a "flash bang" explosive commonly used by law enforcement to create a diversion.

SOURCE: 23 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) District of Columbia - House Passes Massive Package to Address Opioids Crisis

(U) Washington - The House on Friday passed the most ambitious congressional push yet to address the growing opioid epidemic, with provisions directing federal agencies to prioritize training, support recovery centers and expand research on several fronts. The package, made up of 58 individual House-approved bills, is the largest legislative effort in recent history to address the opioid epidemic. Part of the package includes new abilities for the US Border Patrol and US Postal Service to combat the trafficking of synthetic drugs, particularly fentanyl, as well as Jessie's Law—an element requiring medical records to list a patient's addiction history.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, NBC News

(U) Montana - Hacktivists Targeting Montana Government Computers

(U) Bozeman - Many local and state government employees have received an internal email warning

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about a cybersecurity threat, following a threat from so-called hacktivists who are targeting the agencies and industries in response to engagement with the Keystone XL pipeline. Phishing scams to retrieve internal data are the primary concern, but state officials have not commented further. The hacktivist threat identifies 1-15 July as the timeframe of when the attack, or attacks, will occur.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, KPAX News

(U) New Mexico - \$1 Million in Heroin Seized at Highway 70 Checkpoint

(U) Alamogordo - The US Border Patrol announced that authorities conducting an inspection at the checkpoint on New Mexico Highway 70 on 21 June found heroin—wrapped in a bundle also containing cocaine with an estimated street value of \$1 million—in a black Honda that was being transported across the border on a tractor-trailer with other cars. Additional details of the incident are not yet available, according to reporting.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) New York - Bike Path Terror Attack Suspect Now Faces 28 Federal Charges

(U) New York City - Sayfullo Habibullaevic Saipov—the suspect in New York's deadliest terror attack since 9/11—was arraigned Friday on six counts of attempted murder, in addition to 22 charges filed earlier from the 2017 incident that left eight people dead and injured a dozen others. Saipov allegedly drove a pickup truck down a bicycle path near the World Trade Center on Halloween 2017 and was arrested after the truck hit a school bus and stopped.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, CNN

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Columbia - Traffickers Use World Cup Mania as Cover to Smuggle Cocaine

(U) Bogota - Fourteen cocaine-soaked shirts styled like the Colombian national soccer team's uniform were seized by Colombian police at the international airport in the capital Bogotá on 22 June, pointing to the creativity of drug traffickers in concealment methods. Upon arrival in the Netherlands, the liquid cocaine mixture was to be extracted from the jerseys and reconstituted back into powder form for sale. In the same week, Argentine authorities discovered cocaine—believed to be destined for local sales—hidden within replica World Cup trophies.

SOURCE: 24 June 2018, Business Insider

(U) France - 10 Far-Right Suspects Arrested Over Alleged Plot to Attack Muslims

(U) Corsica - Ten people with links to far-right extremism have been arrested by anti-terrorist police in operations across France on Saturday, mainly on the island of Corsica, over an alleged plot to attack Muslims throughout France, according to judicial sources. The suspects were being monitored by France's DGSI intelligence agency, which intercepted messages showing they were seeking to buy arms, and searches turned up some weapons, the sources said.

SOURCE: 24 June 2018, Agence France-Presse

(U) Indonesia - Cleric Sentenced to Death Had a Hand in Several Terror Attacks

(U) Jakarta - Radical cleric Aman Abdurrahman was sentenced yesterday to death for his role in inciting others to commit terror attacks in Indonesia. Abdurrahman had been charged with inciting various terror attacks, including a gun and suicide-bomb attack in Jakarta in 2016 that left four bystanders dead—the first attack claimed by ISIS in South-east Asia. Abdurrahman is the leader of the local extremist network Jemaah Ansharut Daulah (JAD) and is considered the de facto head of ISIS supporters in Indonesia.

SOURCE: 23 June 2018, The Strait Times

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(U) United Kingdom - Woman Arrested for not Alerting Authorities to Friend's Terrorist Plot

(U) London - Khawla Barghouthi, 21, faces deportation to Tunisia following her admission she failed to disclose her friend Rizlaine Boular's ISIS-inspired plan to authorities. Last week Boular was sentenced to life in prison for her attack plans—following her younger sister, Safaa, who had planned to attack the British Museum in London. Safaa Boular will be sentenced at a later date after she was found guilty of preparing acts of terrorism in the UK and Syria.

SOURCE: 22 June 2018, The Guardian

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